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1. ISRAELI MILITARY OPERATION IN LEBANON HAS
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ENGENDERED HARSH OFFICIAL AND PRESS CONDEMNATION OF
ISRAEL. GOC, WHICH MADE NO COMMENT IN WAKE OF PLO
TERRORIST RAID, RELEASED A STATEMENT MARCH 16 WHICH
"UNRESERVEDLY CONDEMNS THE UNDISGUISED AGGRESSION"
AGAINST LEBANON AND ISRAELI "FLAGRANT VIOLATION"
OF THE UN CHARTER. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ISSUED A UNANIMOUS STATEMENT SIMILAR TO GOC ANNOUNCEMENT,

BUT WHICH WENT FURTHER IN CONDEMNING THE "INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING OF CIVILIAN POPULATION WHICH IS TANTAMOUNT WITH GENOCIDE AGAINST PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."

2. PRESS COMMENTARY HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY CRITICAL OF ISRAELI OPERATION. SOCIALIST TA NEA LABELLED THE ISRAELI ACTION A "NAZI-TYPE ZIONIST RAID" AND CALLED ON PEOPLE OF CYPRUS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS. RIGHTIST AGON, WHICH EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAD INJURED THEIR CAUSE BY COMMANDO RAID, NEVERTHELESS CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S "TERRIBLE MASSACRE" IN LEBANON AND PLACED ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY ON ISRAELI LEADERSHIP. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI PREDICTABLY DISCOVERED COLLUSION BETWEEN US AND ISRAEL BEHIND THE OPERATION.

3. A "MASS DEMONSTRATION" AGAINST THE ISRAELI EMBASSY MARCH 16, ORGANIZED PRIMARILY BY COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST YOUTH GROUPS, FIZZLED AS GOC SECURITY FORCES BLOCKED OFF SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF DOWNTOWN NICOSIA AROUND EMBASSY.
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